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1. A method in communication application, comprising:  
identifying a communication transaction at the communication  
application;  
transmitting a request from the communication application to a  
communication server for a cost to conduct the transaction;  
receiving from the communication server, in response to the request,  
a cost offer for the transaction before the communication application conducts the  
transaction.

2. The method of Claim 1, identifying a transaction by making a  
selection at the communication application.

3. The method of Claim 1, indicating the cost offer at the  
communication application.

4. The method of Claim 1, accepting the cost offer at the  
communication application before conducting the transaction.

5. The method of Claim 1, receiving from the communication server a cost offer based on at least one of a time of the transaction, an amount of information of the transaction, and subscription information associated with the communication application.

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6. The method of Claim 1, receiving from the communication server a cost offer based at least partly on a credit to a user of the communication application for conducting the transaction.

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7. The method of Claim 1, the transaction is an interactive transaction, receiving from the communication server a cost offer based at least partly on an interactive transaction performance at the communication application.

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8. A method in a mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

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identifying a wireless transaction at the mobile wireless communication device;

transmitting a request from the mobile wireless communication device to a network for a cost to conduct the wireless transaction;

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receiving from the network, in response to the request, a cost to conduct the wireless transaction before conducting the wireless transaction.

9. The method of Claim 8, indicating the cost at the mobile wireless communication device.

5            10. The method of Claim 8, providing a prompt at the mobile wireless communication device for accepting or rejecting the cost received.

10            11. The method of Claim 8, identifying the wireless transaction by making a selection at the mobile wireless communication device.

15            12. The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is a data download to mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on at least one of a time interval required to download the data, a number of octets to be received by the mobile wireless communication device.

20            13. The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is an information download to the mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on a credit to an account of the mobile wireless communication device for downloading the information.

14. The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is a data download to mobile wireless communication device via the network, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on an amount of data to be downloaded over a time interval by the mobile wireless communication device.

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15. The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is an interactive transaction, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on an interactive transaction performance at the mobile wireless communication device.

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16. The method of Claim 8, the wireless transaction is an interactive transaction, receiving from the network a cost based at least partly on participation in the interactive transaction at the mobile wireless communication device.

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17. A method for providing wireless transaction cost information to a mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

20 receiving a request at a communication serving system for a wireless transaction cost from the mobile wireless communication device;

providing a wireless transaction cost to the mobile wireless communication device, in response to the request, before the wireless mobile communication device conducts the wireless transaction for which the cost is provided.

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18. The method of Claim 17, receiving a wireless transaction cost acceptance from the mobile wireless communication device before the mobile wireless communication device conducts the wireless transaction.

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19. The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction is an information download to the mobile wireless communication device, generating the wireless transaction cost based on at least one of a time interval required to download the information, an amount of information to be downloaded by the mobile wireless communication device over a time interval, and a subscription information of the mobile wireless communication device.

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15. The method of Claim 17, generating the wireless transaction cost based on at least one of a content of the transaction and a content transport charge.

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21. The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction is an interactive transaction, generating the wireless transaction cost based at least partly on one of an interactive transaction performance at the mobile wireless communication device and a participation in the interactive transaction at the mobile wireless communication device.

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22. The method of Claim 17, the wireless transaction is an advertisement transfer to the mobile wireless communication device, generating

"Advice of Charge for Wireless Communication    Exp. Mail No. EL759668482US  
Services, Architectures Ands Methods Therefor"  
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the wireless transaction cost based at least partly on a credit to an account of the mobile wireless communication device for downloading the advertisement.

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